A BRIEFE Description of the Portes, Creekes, Bayes, and Hauens, *of the Weast India:*

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The Originall whereof was di-*rected to the mightie Prince* Don Charles, King of *Castile, &c.*

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To the right worshipfull Sir Humfrey Gilbert Knight,

THere came to my hands of late (right vvoorshipfull) a notable peece of vvoorke, of the Portes, and of diuers rare things bothe of the Easte and VVeast *Indians*, vvritten by *Martin Fernandes Denciso*, aboute *Anno.* 1518. then Dedicated to *Don Charles* King of *Castile*, and after called in aboute tvventie yeares past, for that it reuealed secretes that the Spanish natiõ vvas loth to haue knovven to the vvorlde. And finding in the same vvorke the Longitudes and Altitudes of many Ilandes, and of the Portes of the tracte of the firme lande of *America*, I thought good to trãslate out of Spanish into English some parte of the same Calling to minde, that your vvorship vvas the firste man of our nation that gaue light to our people for the finding out of the northvvest straight, and that novv you meane in proper person, and that at your ovvne charges, to take some noble voyage and discouerie in hande, to leaue behind you renovvne to your family, and honour and profite to your countrie: I coulde not but honour you in harte. And to make some shevv of my good vvill, I desired much to present some thing to you, and vvas sory that I had no notable vvorke of matter of Nauigation to Dedicate vnto you, meete for your so greate vvorthinesse. But yet such as this is, I dedicate it vnto you, beseechyng you most hum-

bly to take the ſame in good parte, and to vvay the good vvill of the giuer, as very greate perſons of highe honour haue done, vvhen little trifels haue benegiuen them by others of lovv degree. And Sir, albeit this ſmall gifte (in reſpect of miniſtring any knovvledge to you your ſelf) may ſeeme nothing, in that you doe vnderſtande the tongues, vvherein this and many other knovvledges of high value, lie hid from our Seamen, although not from you: yet this may for our meere Engliſh Seamen, Pilotes, Marriners, &c. not acquaynted vvith forrayne tongues, bring greate pleaſure (if it fortune our Mariners or any other of our Nation, to be driuen by vvinde, tempeſte, currents, or by other chaunce to any of the Ilandes, Portes, Hauens, Bayes or Forelandes mencioned in this Pamphlet,) and ſo it may alſo in the voyage, be a meane to keepe them the more frō idleneſſe, the Nurce of villany, and to giue them alſo right good occaſion by vvay of example, vpon any nevv Diſcouerie, to take the Altitude and Latitude, to ſet dovvne the tracte of the Ilandes, the natures of the ſoyles, and to note the qualitie of the ayre, the ſeuerall benefites that the Soyles and the Riuers yeelde, vvith all the diſcomodities and vvantes that the ſame places haue, and if our Countrie men fortune the rather to be avvaked out of their heauy ſleepe vvherein they haue long lien, and the rather hereby be occaſioned to ſhunne beſtiall ignoraunce, and vvith other nations rather late than neuer to make thēſelues ſhine vvith the brightneſſe of knovvledge, let them giue Sir *Humfrey Gilbert* the thankes, for vvhoſe ſake I tranſlated the ſame.

And

DEDICATORIE.

And thus committing your vvorſhip to the greate Neptune, the greate God of the Chriſtians that ruleth lande and Sea, I leaue you to your voyage, and to the gouernment of that mightie God, vvho neuer plãted in any man ſo hie courage, vvith ſo much deſire to greate attempts, but to ſome greate end, as heretofore in many hath bene ſeene, and as the ſequele in your happie ſucceſſes no doubt ſhall be founde, as England and the vvhole vvorld ſhall out of queſtion vvitneſſe. From London the xiiij. of May. 1578.

Your vvorſhips at commaundement
Iohn Frampton.

A brief description of the Portes *Creekes, Bayes, and Hauens* of the Weast India.

From the Ilande called *Fierro*, vnto the Ilande of saint Nicholas, are two hundreth leagues: the Iland of saint Nicholas lieth South Southweast, and from thence to the Ilande called *Fuego* are .xl. leagues: that Iland lieth directly South, and from thence to the Cape of S. Iustin, whiche standeth in the other side of the Equinoctiall line, are foure hundred leagues. The cape of S. Iustin lieth South Southweast, with the Iland called *Fuego*, & standeth in eight degrees on the other side of the Equinoctiall towardes the South: and from the Cape of S. Iustin vnto the gulfe & riuer of S. Francis are fortie fiue leagues, the coast lieth southweast: the riuer of saint Francis standeth in ten degrees towardes the south: this is a good porte & it hath a good riuer. From that riuer vnto the Bay of all Sayntes are seuentie leagues: the Baye lieth Southwest, & by south, in .xiij. degrees, and there remayneth in the middest porte Roiall, whiche is a good porte, and hath good riuers. The Bay of al Saints hath within it certain litle Ilandes, and within these are two good riuers. In the direction towardes the coast, the lande lieth lowe, and the people are naked, & eate bread of rootes. It is a baren countrie. From the Bay of all Saintes to the porte called *Seguro* are .lxxx. leagues, the coast lying south & by weast. Porte *Seguro* standeth .m. xvij. degrees, this is a porte and a Riuer, and it is a good porte. From porte *Seguro* vnto the cape which is beyond *Golfo Formoso*, that is to say, the fayre gulfe, are one hundreth and ten leagues, and the coast lieth south southweast: and betweene these two are many dry and shallowe places, whiche lieth

The cape of Cayut Austin.

The riuer of Cayut Francis.

The Bay.

lieth on sea boyde. xx. and. xxx. leagues: and passing them, you shall finde neare the land barres, and sholdes, which haue vpō them three or foure fadome water of deapth, and neare towardes the ende of the sholdes, standeth the gulfe of Saint *Thome*, whereunto adioyneth the gulfe of *Barrosus*.

Saynt Thome.

And passing those shallow places, there lieth cape *Formoso*, that is to say, the fayre cape, in. xxiij. degrees and a halfe: and beyng passe the fayre cape, there appeareth a gulfe betweene two landes, and it seemeth to haue a league in breadth, and three or foure in length: and at the ende therof is the riuer called *Delgado*, this is a good porte, a good coūtrie, and good people, although that they be naked. From this gulfe to Cape *Frio*, that is to say, the colde cape, are. xvj. leagues: cape *Frio* standeth in. xxiij. degrees and a halfe, this cape hath before it an Iland adioyning, and the fayre cape an other, & betweene these other little Ilands. From the colde Cape the coast doth turne to the Northweast and by North. xxv. leagues, & from thence it turneth Northeast other. xx. leagues, and maketh the Colde cape lyke to an Iland: and betweene him and the lande there is a good gulfe, with many small Ilandes in the middest: and frō this gulfe vnto the gulfe of the *Mangues* are xx. leagues. That of the *Mangues* hath two Ilands at the end of it, and it is great, & hath. xx. leagues at the mouth. From this gulf vnto the riuer of S. Francis are. lxxv. leagues. And that of saint Francis lieth Southweast in. xxv. degrees, and before that of saynt Francis lieth the riuer of the *Cananea*, whiche is a good riuer, and in the middest of this coast lieth the cape of saint Sebastian, which entreth foure leagues into the sea, and towardes the Easte parte of it, standeth the porte of *Gregorio*: and to the weast parte lieth the porte of *Terrerias*, which is a good gulfe, and hath an Iland in the middest. All this coast hath many litle Ilands before it. From the porte of saynt Francis vnto the riuer *Delas Bueltas*, that is to say, the croked riuer, are. lx. leagues, the coast lieth South, the croked riuer standeth in. xxix. degrees, and neare to the riuer of saynt

Cold Cape.

Saynt Sebastian.

Francis

Francis toward the land lieth an Iland, which hath in length xxb leagues, and towarde the lande he seemeth in circle oblique: and rounde aboute the same is the Sea, and hath fiue leagues in breadth: and towardes the firme lande lieth the gulfe and riuer called *Repard*, and the riuer of *Bayadas*. From the crooked riuer vnto the Cape saint Mary are. lxx. leagues. The cape saynt Mary standeth in. xxxb. degrees, and a little past this cape, entreth in a riuer more than twentie leagues of breadth, where be people that do eate mans flesh. This coast is al full of sholdes. And before cape saynt Mary are certaine small Ilandes. In all these coastes from cape saynt Mary vnto cape saint Austin groweth muche Brasill and little other thing of any profite in it.

And being that we haue spoken of the coast that lieth from the cape of saynt Austin towardes the pole Antartike: let vs returne to speake of that whiche is towardes the parte of the pole Artike, whiche is called the North pole. I say that from the cape of saynt Austin vnto the riuer *Maranon* are three hundreth leagues: *Maranon* lieth wrast, in seuen degrees and a halfe, it is a greate riuer, and hath more than. xb. leagues in breadth, and eyght leagues within the land. It hath many Ilandes, and in this riuer within the lande. xl. leagues, there is neare to the sayd riuer a Mountaine, whereupon groweth trees of Incense, the trees be of a good height, & the bowes be like to Plum trees, & the Incense doth hang at them, as the yce doth at the eyles of a house in the winter season when it dothe freese. In this riuer were taken foure *Indians* in a small boate called in the *Indian* language a *Canoa*, that came downe by the riuer, and there was take from them two stones of Emeraldes, the one of them being as great as a mans hand. They sayde that in many dayes iourney goyng vpwarde by the riuer, they founde a rocke of that stone. In like wise there was take from them two loaues made of flowre, whiche was like to cakes of Sope, and it seemed that they were kneaded with the licour of *Balsamo*. All this coaste Maranon.

from the cape of Saynt Austin vnto *Maranon* is a cleare coast and deepe, but neare to the riuer are certaine sholdes towards the East parte. And by the weast part the riuer is deepe, and it hath a good entrie. From this riuer *Maranon*, vnto the riuer whiche is called the Sea of fresh water, are .xxv. leagues: this riuer hath .lx. leagues of breadth at the mouth, and carieth suche great aboundance of water, that it entereth more than xx. leagues into the Sea, and mingleth not it selfe with the salte water: this breadth goeth .xxv. leagues within the land, and after it is deuided into partes, the one going towards the southeast, and the other towardes the southwest. That which goeth towards the southweast is very deepe and of much water, and hath a chanell half a league of breadth, that a Carrake may goe vp through it: and the tydes be so swifte, that the shippes haue neede of good cabels. The ryuer of this porte is very good, and there haue bene some that haue entered fiftie leagues within it, and haue seene no Mountaynes. The *Indians* of this countrey haue their lippes made full of small holes in foure partes, and through those holes be put small rings, and likewise at their eares: and if any man aske of thē where they had their golde, they answere, that goyng vp by the riuer so many dayes iourney, they found certaine mountaynes that had much of it, and from those mountaynes they brought it when they would haue it, but they made no great accōpt of it, for they neither buy nor sell, and amongst them is nothing but chaunge. In this countrey they eate bread of rootes, and *Maiz*, and they eate certaine rootes whiche they call *Aies* and *Batatas*, but the *Batatas* be better than the other rootes, and beyng rawe they haue a smell of Chestnuts: they are to be eatē rosted. These *Indians* do make wine of ꝑ fruite of Date trees, which fruite is yellow in colour, e is as great as a litle Doues egge, and being in season is good to be eaten, and of him proceedeth good wine, and is preserued for a long time. These kinde of people doe make their houses with vpper rowmes, and they sleepe in them, as also all their habi-

The Sea of freshe vvater.

tation

fation is in the vpper rowmes, and that whiche is alowe, they leaue it open: and also they vse certayne mantels of cotton woll, and these they tie at the endes with ropes, and the one ende of the rope they make fast to one parte of the house, and the other ende to the other parte of the house: and in these they lie, and be their beddes, and these kinde of beddes be vsed in all the Occidentall *India*, and there is not in any parte of *India* any chambers that the people do vse to lodge in aloft from the ground, nor they make any high rowmes, but onely in this parte of *India*, and in all other places they make their houses without any loftes or chambers, and they couer their houses with the leaues of Date trees, and of grasse. And from this fresh water Sea vnto *Paria*, the coast lieth weast northweast, and all full of sholdes that the shippes can not come neare to the land. There is from this riuer to *Paria* two hundreth and fiftie leagues. In this freshe water sea, the tydes doe ebbe and flowe as much as they do in Bytayne, and standeth in fiue degrees and halfe. *Paria* standeth on the other side of the Equinoctiall towarde the North, in seuen degrees: In *Paria* the sea floweth but little, and from *Paria* towardes the weast the sea dothe not flowe. From the entery of the gulfe of *Paria* vnto the cape that lieth towardes the weast, are thirtie fiue leagues, & from thence the coast turneth towardes the northeast, other. xxxv. leagues, and from thence the coast turneth towardes the weast. Before this gulfe standeth the Ilande of the Trinitie, and towardes the weast dothe appeare the gulfe of *Paria* like to half a round Circle, after the fashion of a Diametre: and at the ende of this circle is the entery in of *Paria*, and at this entrie there is betweene the land and the Iland eight leagues, & on the other side there is but little space betweene the Iland and the lande, but it is deepe, and hath a good entrie: this Ilande of the Trinitie hath in length. xxv. leagues, and as many in breadth, & standeth in. viij degrees, and is inhabited of many people, and as yet not vnder subiection. Here the *Indians* do vse to shote with bowes, and ar-

Paria.

The Trinitie.

rowes whiche are of a fadom in length, made of reedes, which grow in that countrie, and at the ende of them is artificially toyned a peece of wood very strong, vnto the whiche peece of woodde at the ende of it, they put a bone of a fish, in place of an arrow head: these kinde of bones be harder than Diamõdes and euery one of them be three or foure fingers long, and they are taken out of a fish that hath three of these bones, one vpon the backe, and one vnder euery wing: but that which groweth vpon the backe is the strongest and the greatest. In this Iland the people sayeth that there groweth golde, and in this Ilande and in *Paria* groweth reedes so great, that they make staues of thē, and carry of them into Spayne. Likewise there be Popingayes very great and gentle, and some of them haue their foreheades yellowe, and this sorte doe quickly learne to speake, and speake muche. There be likewise in the gulfe of *Paria* pearles, although not many, but very good and greate. *Paria* hath many Ilandes towardes the north parte of it, vntill you come to the Iland of saint *Christopher*, and frõ saint *Christopher*, to the Iland called *Espanola*, be other Ilands that lieth towards the Northeast. The names of these Ilands are as foloweth: The firste and neareste Ilande to *Paria* is called the Iland of *Mayo*, this is but a small Ilande: there is a fruyte growing in it that the caske of it smelleth like to Beniamyn: likewise there is Rosine in certayne trees, whiche they vse for Incense, and Limasticke. This Iland stãdeth in ten degrees and a halfe: the Iland of *Tabaco* in ten: *Santa Lucia* and the *Assention* in xj. degrees and a halfe: the *Baruada* in. xij. degrees: *Martinino* in. xij. degrees and a halfe: the *Dominica* in. xiij. and a halfe: *Gwadalupe* and the *Deceada* in xv. degrees: *Manserate* and the *Antigua* in. xvj. degrees: *Baruada* in. xvij. *Baruada* is compassed aboute with sholdes: the *Redonda* in. xv. degrees and a halfe: saint *Christopher* in xvij. degrees and a halfe: saynt *Bartolome* and saynt *Martin* in xviij. degrees and a halfe: *Sombrero* in xix. and a halfe: the *Anegada* in. xx. the *Virgines* in. xix. and. xx. *Sancta Cruz* in xviij.

The Ilande of Mayo.

Mandet.

xviii. and a halfe: saynt *Iohn* in. xix and xx. and in. xx. and a halfe. From the *Trinitie* to saynt *Iohn* be two hundreth and fortie leagues. All the other Ilandes whiche I haue named, be in the middest of these two, and be all *Cannibals*, a people which eateth mans flesh, and they go to the sea in small botes called *Canoas* to make warre, one of them with an other, and as many people as they take one of an other, they carry to their owne Ilandes, and if they be men they eate them, and if they be women they serue them as slaues: and if any of the men that they take one of an other be leane, they put them to fatte, and when they be fatte they eate them, and they say that whiche is sweetest to be eaten in a man is the fingers, and the thinnest of the belly: these do vse to shote with bowes and arrowes, and if they go to make warre, and do vnderstand that such as they go vnto, be stronger than they, then they leaue that place and goe to another. In all these Ilandes they say there is golde: in that of *Gwadalupe* hath bene golde found and gathered, but by reason they be not in subiection, there is no certaintie of it. The Iland of saynt *Iohn* is a good Iland, and it hath two good portes: one of them standeth towardes the north, whiche is called porte *Rico*, and the towne that is in it is of Christians, and it is a good towne, although that it is not great: and the other is called saynt *German*, in this Iland is gathered much golde and all is fine golde: this Iland is xxx. leagues long and lieth East & Weast, and in breadth twentie. From this Ilande to the Ilande called *Espanola* are xvi. leagues, and the Ilande called the *Mona*, standeth well neare in the middest betweene bothe, whiche is a little Iland. At the beginning of the lande called *Espanola* is the Cape of *Higuer*, whiche standeth in. xx. degrees: from this cape of *Higuer*, vnto the cape of *Tiburon*, which is the cape and ende of the Iland, are one hundreth and sixtie leagues: they lie east and weast: from the cape of *Higuer* vnto the *Saona*, whiche is neare to the entring in at the porte of *Higuer*, are. xv. leagues. The *Saona* lieth southweast in x x. degrees and a halfe.

Canibals.

Sayne Iohn.

The Ilond called Espanola.

Higuer.

Saynt Catherine standeth in as many. From the entery of the
porte of *Higuei* vnto the entry of the porte of saynt *Domingo*,
the coaste lyeth weast. and are. xxxv. leagues: and from saynt
Saynt Do. mingo. *Domingo* to *Acuia* are twentie: *Acuia* lieth weast. From
Acuia to the *Beata* are twentie leagues. The *Beata* standeth
from *Acuia* Southweast in six. degrees. From the *Beata* to
Yaquimo are fiue and twentie leagues. From *Yaquimo* to the
Cauana are fourtie leagues. *Yaquimo* and the *Cauana* lieth in
twentie degrees. From the *Cauana* lieth out a cape from the
lande into the Sea towardes the South, eyght leagues, and
from thence the coast turneth Weast Northweast vnto cape
Tiburon. There is from one cape to the other. xxv. leagues.
Before the *Cauana* standeth an Iland which is called
and betweene it and the *Cauana* is sholde, and the chanell lie-
eth neare to the lande, & an other lieth at the end of the Iland.
From the cape of *Tiburon* the coast turneth towardes the
East vnto *Yaragua* three score and ten leagues, vntill it come
neare to the Iland of *Guanabon*. In this three score and tenne
leagues the Iland called *Espanola* hath not in breadth more
than twentie or two and twentie leagues. From *Yaragua* the
coast turneth towardes the Northweast and by North, vnto
the cape of saynt *Nicholas*. There is from *Yaragua* to the cape
of saynt *Nicholas* fiftie and fiue leagues, and the cape of saint
Nicholas beyng doubled, the coast turneth towardes the east
vnto porte Roiall: and from the cape of saint *Nicholas* to port
Roiall be fifty leagues. This porte Roiall is the best porte of
the Iland sauyng that it is out of the way of all trade, and
therefore they go not to it. From porte Roiall to the porte of
Plata, are fiue and thirtie leagues: from the porte of *Plata* to
the Cape *de Cierpe*, are fourtie leagues: the coaste lieth East
Southeast. From the Cape of *Cierpe* vnto the cape of *Hi-*
guei are eight and twentie leagues. And from the Cape of
Higuei to the cape of *Tiburon* are one hundreth and eightie
leagues, and that is the length of this Iland. It hath in
breadth from the *Beata* to porte Roiall ninetie leagues: the

South

South parte of it standeth in. xix. and. xx. degrees: the North parte in. xxiiij. This Ilād is inhabited with Christiās. There is gathered in it much gold: there cōmeth euery yeare frō this Iland to *Castile*, 400000. *Castellanos* & more, euery *Castellano* is worth. vij. shillings of our money of Englād. It is a countrie of much flesshe, and also of much freshe fishe: the cattayle do multiply much, bycause there is no kinde of vermine that do hurt them. In al this Iland the Kine and Mares do bring forth yong ones, once euery yeare, and the yong Mares and yong Kine be with fole when they be but a yeare and a halfe olde. The grasse is alwayes greene and neuer waxeth drye: the trees be alwayes greene, with their leaues as they be here in the moneth of May and June. They eate bread of a rote which they call *Casani*. There be other rotes like to Turneps, whiche be called *Aies*, and also *Batatas*, but the *Batatas* be better, and there be fieldes ful of them as be here of sowen fieldes. There is also a fruyte which is called *Pinas*, whiche be of the making of a Pine apple, but they be greater: the trees that beareth them be lyke to the Canes or stockes of Lillies, and *Flure de Luces*. Whē they be in season they turne yellow like to waxe: the smell of it is so much & so sweete, ẏ it smelleth in all ẏ house where they be. It is of a maruelous goodly sauour although that the taste of it be somwhat egre. There is also an other fruit of trees which is called *Mameis*, which is as great, & like to a Doues egge, of a tawny colour, being within three kernels, the meate of it is like to a Peach, somewhat red. The people of this Ilande were Idolaters & naked, although that now they be turned Christians. The womē do weare a kind of apparel, which they call there *Naguas*, made in such sorte, that it coūereth them from the waste to the kners: and they which be Uirgines, go naked as they were borne: & when any woman hath loste hir Uirginitie, immediately she doth couer hir self, and if she haue no *Naguas*, she putteth before hir a leafe tied on with threedes made of Cotton woll, wherwith she coūereth hir Secretes, and that leafe they call there *Pampanillas*.

The maners of the Ilande called Espanola.

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and when any of these women are with childe, or giue sucke to any childe, there is no man that will company with hir for any thing in the worlde: they say it is sinne to company with hir at that time. And when any woman is with childe, hir husband taketh an other vntill his wife be deliuered of hir childe, and as long as she giueth sucke: and when any man dieth that is of estimation, they do make a greate hole in the ground, where they vsed to put him in, and they put him in sitting: and put in also with him both meate and drynke, and they couer the hole with timber and with earthe, and leste open a straight mouth, where a man might goe in: to these came their wiues, and such as loued them well, and went in to him, and put in meate, and after that they were entered in, the mouth was couered with timber and earth: and so they were leste all within, and they sayde that they wente to beare him company to the other world, where they should haue better cheere and more pleasure. And now there is in this Iland many townes of Christians, the principall towne is *Sancto Domingo*, where is a good porte and ryuer: and likewise there is the best trade of all the Ilande: this is towardes the south parte: at the north parte is the porte of *Plata*: but the towne is little, and the porte is not very good: and by this meanes the trade is litle. In this Iland be many mountaines of Salte, and rockes of Salte. From the cape of Saint *Nicholas* to the Iland of *Cuba* are .xiiij. leagues: the Iland of *Cuba* lieth west, it hath in length two hundereth and twentie leagues: and in breadth by the cape *de Cruz* fiftie leagues, and by the other partes by some wayes thirtie leagues, and other some twentie. It is a good Iland: and in it is much victuall, and much wilde foule, Pigeons, Geese and Partriche, and many Popingayes. The countrey is full of Mountaynes, there is gathered in it much golde, although that it is not so fine as that of the Iland called *Espanola*. The people be idolaters, the one porte of it is inhabited with Christians. The ende of the land which standeth next to the cape of saynt *Nicholas* is in .xxiij. degrees

Cuba.

degrees and a halfe, and that which lieth towardes the weast, is in. xxvij. degrees. The poynt of the cape *de Cruz* is. xxiij. degrees. This Iland of *Cuba* hath at the nozth parte of it aboue two hundzeth small Ilandes, and they be all inhabited with people, which people be not very blacke, & be of a good growth both the men and also the women: but there is no flesh to eate in these Ilandes: their meate is fishe, rootes, and bread made of rootes, and the blades of grasse: and if any of the people be caried to other places, if they doe giue them flesh to eate, immediatly they die, if the flesh which they eate be not very litle in quantitie. Towarde the south parte of *Cuba*, is the Ilande called *Iamayca*, and this of *Iamayca*, lieth weast from the cape of *Tiburon*. There is from the cape of *Tiburon*, which is in the Iland of *Spanola* vnto *Iamaica*. xx. leagues, and in the middest betweene both lieth the *Nauaca*, whiche is a little small rocky Iland, beyng plaine and vnpzofitable. *Iamaica* lieth East, and Weast, it hath in length fiftie leagues, and in bzeadth. xxv. it is a fruytefull Ilande, and hath muche cozne growing in it, and hath all kinde of victuall, such as they vse to eate, whiche suffiseth their necessitie, and groweth vpon the same Ilande: there is much cattel, and many trees of cotton woll: they gather much Cotton wool in it, wherof they make stoze of cloth, but there is no golde: there is also great aboundance of Fishe. And there be a certayne kinde of little beastes, that haue the snoute and tayle like to a Ratte, and the body like to a Coney, and these be called *Hutias*, whose flesh is good to eate, and there are multitudes of them. From the ende of the Ilande of *Cuba* towardes the Nozthweast, hath appeared a great countrie, it is thought to be a firme lande. And seyng that we haue spoken of the Ilandes, lette vs returne to the coast of *Paria*, where we began to speake of the Ilandes: I say, after that you goe from *Paria*, the coast of the lande turneth toward the Weast: there is from the mouth of the gulfe of *Paria* vnto the cape that standeth vppon the gulfe of *Alioſar* seuentie fiue leagues: the gulfe of *Alioſar* lieth Weast and by Nozth, in

Cape de Crus.

Small Ilandes.

Iamayca.

Paria.

nine degrees and a halfe, and there remayneth in the middeſt the gulfe of all Sayntes: neare to the gulfe of all Sayntes towardes the weaſt there entereth a cape of a lande into the Sea three leagues: and neare to this Cape towardes the Nozth eight leagues into the ſea, there be Ilandes and rockes called the *Friers*, which be a company of ſmall Ilandes lyke to rockes. And towardes the Weaſt parte from the *Friers* is the Ilande called *Margarita*, whiche is an Ilande that hath xx. leagues from the Eaſt to the Weaſt: and from the Nozth to the South. xij. Round aboute al this Iland are fiſhed fine pearles, in great quantitie. And in the gulfe of *Aliofar*, they fiſhe pearles alſo, but in this Ilande be moze quantitie, and greater, and towardes the South ſide are moſte and greateſt: and the Cape of *Aliofar* beyng doubled, a gulfe of Sea doth returne betweene twoo landes towardes the Eaſt, moze than fiue and twentie leagues of bzeadth: in this gulfe be fiſhed many pearles, and muche *Aliofar*: the ſhelles wherein they bzeede be lyke to Cockle ſhelles, but they be greater and bzighter within them, lyke to the ſelfe ſame pearles, but without they be of the colour of cockles: they fiſhe greate quantitie of them. From the ende of the gulfe *Aliofar* vnto the Cape whiche ſtandeth vpon the pozte *Flechado* called *Tucuraca*, be foure ſcoze leagues: *Tucuraca* ſtandeth in nine degrees and a halfe, and there remayneth in the middeſt the cape of ſmall Ilandes, and befoze it is the pozte called *Solo*, and the pozte called *Canafiſtola*, and after him is pozte *Flechado*, and hath many Ilãds befoze him: al this coaſt is of much fiſhing, and in it are trees of *Canafiſtola*, which doth bzing fozth there Canes ſo great as a great Launce, and are very good. And as it hath aboundance of ſubſtaunce, it dothe putrifie ſoner than that which we haue here. The poztes *Flechado* and *Canafiſtola* ſtandeth in eight degrees. This countrey hath much victuall: there is in it many Popingayes, Pearles, & *Aliofar*. The *Indians* of this countrey do vſe to ſhoote with bowes, & their arrowes be a fadom long: there are growyng great reedes as

Margarita pearles.

Cana fiſtola.

big

big as a good stake. Frō *Tucurara* to the cape of saynt *Roman* are xiv. leagues. The cape of Saint *Roman* standeth South-weast and by South, in. xj. degrees: the cape of saynt *Roman* entreth into the sea. xx. leagues, and the lande is not past three or foure leagues broade, and towarde the east lieth the port of *Coriana*: and towardes the weast porte of the *Pico*, they be good portes. There are from them to the cape twentie leagues, they are in ten degrees. From the cape of saynt *Roman* vnto the cape of *Coquibacoa* are three small Ilandes Triangle wyse, betweene these two capes is one gulfe of sea in shape foure square, and at the cape of *Coquibacoa* entereth in frō this gulfe an other little gulfe within the lande foure leagues, and at the ende of him neare to the lande there lieth a great rocke, which rocke is plaine vpon the toppe, and vpō it standeth a village of houses of *Indians* whiche is called *Venecinela*, and it standeth in ten degrees. Betweene this gulfe of *Venecinela* and the cape of *Coquibacoa*, the water turneth within the lande towardes the Weast, and in this turne standeth *Coquibacoa*. Here hath bene founde wayght, and touche for golde, in the Towne, whiche is great: and the *Indians* doe say that they bryng the golde from within the lande, xxv. leagues, and when they goe thither they carry with them the waight & the touch, whereby they know what they bring. In all the Weast *India* hath not bene found waight, but in this place. The towne of *Coquibacoa* is greate, and a good towne, and of good peaceable people. In *Venecinela* be people of a tall growth: and there are goodlier women than are in any other parte of that countrey. There are good Pearles, and well growen, although not so many as in the *Margarita*. Here the *Indians* do vse Laūces of. xxv. foote long, and things to shoote withall like to dartes. From the Cape of *Coquibacoa*, vnto the cape *Dela Vela* are. xl leagues. The cape *Dela vela* lieth weast northwest in xij. degrees & a halfe: and neare to this cape *Dela vela* is a good port, with a little Iland before it, which lieth weast: & bryng past cape *Dela vela* the coast turneth south & by weast, & lieth

Coquibacoa.

Venecinela.

Cape Dela vela.

lowe, and likewise all the land from the cape *Dela Vela* is lowe lande. From the cape *Dela Vela* to *Tucuraca* are. xxv. leagues: *Tucuraca* standeth in. xj. degrees and a halfe, & is a good porte.

Tucuraca. Frō *Tucuraca* to *Santta Marta* are. xxv. leagues: *Santta Marta* lieth weast in. xj degrees and a halfe, and is a good porte: it hath a small Iſlande before it, & is the beſt porte of all this coaſt. This countrey of *Santta Marta* is a countrey that is watered by ſluces, and the corne and things which they sowe and plant, they doe water, with their owne labour: it is an open grounde, and hath highe mountaynes, and without any thing growing in them. The sande of the riuers is altogether ſtony sande, of the colour of golde, and it sheweth as though that it were al gold. There are in this Iſlande many Hogges, and much Deare. There is found in the powre of the *Indians*, much gold and coper, and also much gilt Coper. The *Indians* do say that they gilte the Coper with an hearbe that groweth in that countrey, whiche beyng ſtamped, and the iuyce taken out, and the Coper beyng waſhed therewith and put to the fire, it turneth to the colour of moſt fine gold, and it riſeth more or leſſe in colour, accordyng to the quātitie of the hearbe that is put to it. The people be fearce and warlike, they vſe bowes, and their arrowes be little bigger than quarrels, which they annoynt with an hearbe that is ſo full of poyſon, that it is a great chaunce (when they hit any man) if he eſcape, beyng wounded with that hearbe: one of the things wherewith they make that hearb, are certaine apples which be in that coūtrey, & are of the greatneſſe and colour of the wilde Apples of this coūtrie. The tree that doth carry them is like to a ſmall Peare tree of this coūtrie. As ſone as any mā hath eaten one of thē, immediatly it turneth to wormes within his body, whiche grow ſo great & eate ſo muche of the bodie, that they kill him: this is knowen to be ſo by reaſon. I cauſed it to be experimented, in one that was giuen to a Dogge to eate, whiche within foure houres was turned all into wormes in the body, and ſo we found it when we cauſed the Dogge to be opened, for to

Santta Marta.

Appels of poyſon.

ſee

ſee the effect of the Apple. And if any man do put himſelfe vn-
der one of theſe trees in the ſhadowe, immediatly his head be-
ginneth to ake: & if he do continue there long, his face begin-
neth to ſwell, & to trouble his ſight: and if by chaunce he ſleepe
vnder the tree, immediatly he loſeth his ſight: all this I haue
ſeene by experience. Before you come to *Sancta Marta* there
is *Yaharo*, which is in the ſide of the ſnowie mountaynes. *Ya-*
haro as a good port and ſtandeth in a good countrey: and there
be Orchardes of trees of diuers ſortes of fruytes to be eaten, &
among them there is one like to Orenges, & when the fruite is
in ſeaſon to be eaten it turneth yellow, and the meate that is
within it is like to butter: It hath a good ſauour, and hath
the taſt ſo good & ſo ſoft, that it is marueious. The mountaines
that lie full of Snow, beginne from *Sancta Marta:* and neare
to *Yaharo* is the higheſt parte of them, and they ſhew vpon the
toppes as white as if they were Snowe, and from thence they
reache to *Venecuela*, and ſo into the countrey within, it is not
knowen how farre, for that the cõutrie is not yet in ſubiectiõ,
nor the *Indians* do giue any more reaſon of them, but that they
reache very farre into the countrie. This Mountayne is vpõ
the toppe playne, and there be many townes of *Indians* vpõ it,
and many lakes of ſtanding water. In *Sancta Marta* is ga-
thered much Cotton woll, and the *Indians* do make ſtore of
clothe of it, whiche is a thing to be ſeene, and they make it of
many colours: they do make of Popingayes fethers, Peacocks
and of other birdes which be in that countrey, certaine things
like to Diademes, very great, that the gẽtlewomen do put on
their heades, which things hang downe vpon their ſhoulders
in one peece vnto their girdle: like to the ends of a biſhops Mi-
tre: & this is ſo well wrought, that it is maruell to ſee the di-
uerſitie of the colours, and the worke, and the arte thereof: and
as the colours be naturall and of themſelues, they ſhewe ſo
wel, that no artificiall worke of ſuch as is wrought here, is ſo
good nor ſo acceptable vnto the ſight. From *Sancta Marta*
the coaſt turneth ſouth. xx. leagues: and in the turnyng cape

Yaharo.

Mountaynes vvith Snovve.

Caria. of *Sancta Marta* standeth *Caria*, where be a naughty kinde of people: and righte before this wilde countrey entreth into a Riuer very greate, whiche goeth from the Mountaynes that lie full of Snowe: and he is so greate, that thys water entreth a greate way into the Sea without any mingling of it selfe with the salte water: and from thence the coast lieth Weast, vnto the porte of *Zamba*. *Zamba* is a good porte, and standeth in eleuen degrees and a halfe. From *Sancta Marta* to *Zamba* be fiue and twentie leagues: the lande of this coaste is playne, and lowe without Mountaynes, and it is all very fayre medowe grounde, and a countrie well inhabited; the menne haue their heare cutte, the women goe couered from the waste downeward. They are good people and hurte no bodie, but suche as doe hurte them firste. *Zamba* hath towardes the Weast parte of it foure Ilandes of sandes, whiche lyeth neare the lande, and rounde aboute them be sholdes: they reache tenne leagues into the Sea, but betweene them and the lande where the Cape *De Loyo delo gato* standeth, there may passe shippes from *Zamba* vnto the Cape of *Canoa* whiche is twoo leagues. From *Carta gena* be twenty leagues, and they be all sholdes of the Ilandes of sandes. Before the Cape of *Canoa* there is a rocke whiche ryseth a little aboue the water, whiche rocke they call *Canoa*, but by reason it is seene, it is not daungerous. And a little before aboute twoo leagues from thence, are the portes of *Carta gena*. The portes of *Cartagena* haue an Iland in the myddest, whiche standeth not out of the compasse of the other lande, and by the one and the other side of thys Ilande, there is a porte, but that of the Easte parte hath the better entrie, the Ilande is called *Gnodego*: hee hath twoo leagues in length, and halfe a league in breadth, and is well inhabited of *Indians* beyng fisher menne. The people of this Countrey be tall, but bothe menne and women goe all naked as they were borne: they are warrelyke people, and vse bowes and arrowes: they shoote all their ar-

Ilandes of Sandes.

The portes of Carta gena.

rowes

rowes wyth a naughty hearbe, and the women doe lykewyse fighte as well as the menne. I had pryſoner a gyrle of eyghten or twentie yeares of age, who dyd affirme that ſhe had kylled eyght Chriſtian menne before ſhee was taken pryſoner. In this place groweth the hearbe *Iperboton*, wherewith they heale the woundes of the hearbe whiche is poyſon, and with thys Hearbe they ſay that *Alexander* healed *Ptholome*. In this Countrey and towardes the Weaſt partes the *Indians* doe eate breade of the grayne of *Maiz*, grounde: and they make of it good bread, whiche is of muche ſubſtaunce: and of the ſelfe ſame meale of *Maiz* beyng ſodden in kettels and great tinages in muche water, they make wyne to drynke: and it is wyne of much ſubſtaunce, good, and of a good ſauour. The *Indians* doe vſe to drynke a greate cuppe full of it when they ryſe in the morneyng without eatyng any thyng elſe with it, and therewith they goe to theyr dayly labours, and be there labouryng the greateſt parte of the day, without eatyng any other thyng. The Chriſtians that are in that Countrey doe vſe the lyke, and they ſay that it is there in that Countrie: and a manne endureth to labour with it all one daye without eatyng any other thyng, if he drynke two tymes thereof. Iperboton.

The hearbe *Iperboton* wherewith they heale the hearbe that is poyſon, they ſay that the iuyce of hys rote is as good for the ſighte as for to heale the hearbe of poyſon, and that there is of it in *Carmania*, and in the Mountayne *Atlantes*, whiche are in the coaſte of *Getulia*. In this countrey of *Carta Gena* is in the power of the *Indians* muche Copper: and there is lykewiſe golde, but not muche: and they ſay that twentie leagues from that Countrie towardes the South-weaſt is muche golde, and whoſoeuer will may goe thither for it.

From *Carta gena* to the Ilandes of *Caramari* whiche lieth Weaſt, are eyght leagues, theſe Ilandes be all lowe, and no ſhippe can paſſe betweene them. From the Ilands of *Caramari*, Caramari.

vnto

vnto the Ilandes of *Baru* be ten leagues: betweene these of *Baru* and the land may passe shippes if they be not very great, and beyng passe these Ilandes of *Baru*, more towardes the Weast is the porte of *Cenu*, which is a great Baye, and hath his entry by the East part, and it is a good sure porte. There is from *Cartagena*, to *Cenu*. xxv. leagues: *Cartagena* lieth East in ten degrees and a halfe, and *Cenu* towardes the Weast in ix. degrees: in that of *Cenu* they make muche Salte: the people be strong and warlike: they vse bowes, and their arrowes be set with poyson. All men and womē goe naked. When any man of great authoritie dye, or any chylde of hys, they take their guttes out of their bodies, and washe them with certaine thyngs, and annoynt them, and vpon them they put Cotton woll, died with diuers colours, whiche they put againe into the bodie, and beyng coloured therwith, they put them into a bedde made after the fashiō of the beddes of that countrey, and they hang him vp in the house, neare to the place where they make their fire: and so they keepe him. It happened to me, that I toke a towne called *Catarapa*, where we founde more than xx. that were hanged after this sort in the houses. In this coūtrey of *Cenu* is much golde in the power of the *Indians*, & very fine, and it is myngled and hath his foundation of Siluer, and there is no parte of it Copper, whiche the *Indians* doe say they bryng from certayne Mountaynes, from whence the ryuer of *Cenu* doth come forth, from certayne places that they call *Mocri*, and an other *Cubra*, and an other *Cud..*: and the earth that they haue in those places is somewhat redde, and they gather it in riuers & valleys: and when it rayneth they caste nettes ouerthwart the riuers & valleys, and as the water increaseth, it bringeth graynes of gold as great as an egge & they remayne in ẏ nets: & in this sorte they gather the greatest graynes: & ẏ which they gather, they bring to the towne which is called *Cenu*, being .x. leagues from the Sea vpō the riuer, & there they worke it, and doe what they will with it. I toke an *Indian* Gentleman prisoner, ẏ sayd to me, that he had gone

Cenu.

An earth of golde.

gone to this place three times, and had seene it gathered after that sort, and also that he himselfe had gathered it. This countrey of *Cenu* hath great store of victayle growen in the Countrey. Their bread and Wyne is made of the meale of *Maiz*, as it is in *Carta Gena*. Likewise there be rootes, whereof they make bread, as in the Iland of *Cuba*, and *Iamaica*, and the *Espanola*, but it is of another qualitie: for that of the Ilandes is naught, and if any do eate of it, he dyeth, as though he had eaten *Arnike*: and also if any beast eate of it, or drink of the water that commeth out of it, he dyeth. And to make bread of it, they grate it, and after they presse it, and when it remayneth as drye as powder, they make bread of it: and that which groweth in this Citie of *Cenu*, and in all ỹ Countrey hereabout, they eate them rawe, and rosted, for they are very good to be so eaten, and of a good sauoure.

A Protestation.

I Did require two *Indian* Gentlemẽ of *Cenu*, in the behalfe of the King of *Castile*, that they shoulde be subiect to the Kyng of *Castile*, and that he woulde giue them to vnderstande, that there was one God alone, why che was three persons in one, and did require them, that they woulde leaue vnto him that Countrey, seeyng that it did apperteyne to hym: and if they would liue in it as they were, that they should giue to him the obedience, as vnto their Lord, and also shoulde giue him in token of obedience, some thing euery yeare, euen so much as they themselues would name, and if they would this doe, the Kyng would giue them rewards and giftes, and helpe against theyr enimies, and would put among them learned men ǂ Priestes, that should shew them that which doth apperteyne to the faith of Christe: and if any of them woulde not turne Christians, they should not be compelled by force, agaynst their willes, but they might remayne as they were before, and they answered me to that I sayde that there was but one God, and this God gouerned the Heauen and the Earth, and was Lorde of

all. It lyked them very well, who sayde, ỹ they thought it to be true: and they sayd, that they were Lords of their owne Coũtrey, and had no neede of any other Lorde. Then I required thẽ agayne ỹ they should do it, & not doing it, I would make warre agaynst them, & would take their Towne, & would kill as many as I toke, or would keepe thẽ prisoners, and sell thẽ for slaues. They aunswered me, that first they would put my head vpõ a staffe, & they laboured to do it, but they coulde not, for we toke the towne by force, although they shotte at vs an infinite nũber of arrowes, & al poysoned wt herbes, wherwith they wounded two of our men, and both dyed, although their wounds were but small. After I toke prisoner an *Indian* Gentleman, of those wich I spake of before, that had declared to me of the mines of *Nocri*, whome I founde to be a man of much truth, & kept his promise in al things. And after this sort are all the warres of those Countreys. Frõ this riuer of *Cenu*, vnto the Gulfe of *Vraba*, are. xxv leagues. The gulfe of *Vraba* lyeth towards the Weast in. viij. degrees. Al this Countrey is full of Mountaynes, & a naughtye kinde of people: they are all *Canibals*, & eate mans flesh. They vse to shote with bowes and arrowes which are poysoned. Fiue leagues from the Riuer of *Cenu* towards the Weast, is an Iland called the strõng Iland, welneere a league frõ the lande. In this Iland is muche salte made, and neerer the Gulfe is another, called the *Tortuga*. The Gulfe of *Vraba* hath. xiiij leagues of length within the land, & of breadth in the mouth an entrie. vj. or. vij. leagues, farther in fiue, and neere the cape foure. At the entrie toward the East he hathe certaine sholdes, which entreth in more thã two leagues into the Sea athwart of the mouth & entrie, and they goe welneere ouer the one halfe of the entrie towards the Weast part of the Gulfe. And there is fiue leagues within the Gulfe, the *Darien*, whych is inhabited with Christiãs, and there they gather fyne golde in a Riuer that descendeth from certaine high Mountaynes. In these Mountaynes be many Tigres & Lyons, and diuers other beastes, and Cattes with lõg tayles, and

Canibals.

The Gulfe of Vraba

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be like to Apes, but that they haue great tayles. There are also Swyne, & many great beastes as great as kyne, fatte, whiche be of a grey couloure, and haue their feete like to kyne, the head like to a Moyle, with long eares, their flesh being good to eate. There be also many other beastes. I toke that Towne, which was the first that was taken in that Countrey, and I saw all these beasts, and it was told me, that they had sene Ownces. I saw none, but I saw a riuer ẏ passeth by the towne of *Darien*, wherein were many Lyzards that were great, & so grose in the body as a Calfe: and if they see any man, dogge, or pigge neere the water, they come out of it, and fall vpon him, and if they catche him, they carrie him into the water, & eate him. I happened to kill ẏ first that was killed, & I saw cast at hym more than tenne Launces, and as they strake vpō him, they rebounded, as though they had stricken vpō a Rocke. And after that, a seruant of mine went athwart of hym, and thrust him at one blowe into the middest of his body, and then we killed hym, and being dead and taken on lande, we found that he had vpon his backe from his necke to the tayle a shell that couered hym all, whiche was so strong, that no Launce coulde passe it: and vnder that from the middle of the body downewarde neere to the guttes, he was as other Lyzards are, and by that parte of his body he was thrust in with the Launce. His mouth was three spannes long from the snoute to the lower end of ẏ teeth: he had in a side two rewes of teeth, the most fierce that I haue seene, or had bin seene by any of them that were with me. He was fleyne & his flesh was eatē, it was white & good, & smelled like to muske, and good in eating. I saw also ẏ flesh of Tigres & of Lions. I saw certayne mē kil Lyons alone by thēselues. Lyons.

The Tygres are greater of bodye than the Lyons are, and their feete are verye strong, and of greate force, but they are heauie, for they runne slowly & are of little courage. It hapned ẏ a Tygre wēt after a mā a league, vntil he came to a towne, & the mā neuer wēt but his accustomed pace, & the Tygre after him. iij. or. iiij. speares legth behind, & in a league ẏ they wēt Tygres.

Lizards. togither, he durst not to fasten with the man. The Lizardes in the moneth of January and Februarye do breede in this order followyng When the Sunne is hotest in the day, they come forthe of the water into the sandes. and with their foure feete they make a hole, and there lay theyr egges, and after they bee layd, they couer them with the sand, and with the heate of the Sunne. The Lizardes be ingendred in those egges, and after they make a hole in them, and they come forth of the egges into the sandes, and so they goe into the water. The egges be as greate as a Gose egge, and greater. They haue no shelles, but certayne skynnes. They be good to eate, and of a good sauoure, & euery Lizard doth lay at one tyme lx. or lxx. egges. Lykewise there be others called *Yaguanas*, Yaguanas. whiche be great, and lyke to Lizards. and these haue round heads, and from the forepart of the head to the tayle, he caryeth brusteles of heare, standyng vp very fierce. They be of a russet coloure, and somewhat in coloures: these goe into the Mountaines. The sight of them is fearefull, but they hurt no body, by reason they take them aliue, and kill them with staues. These are good meate, & theyr flesshe is muche esteemed in that countrey. Their egges be of a good tast. In these Countreys is muche wilde foule of dyuers sorts, which are good flesh. There are abũdance of greene Popingeys, and some greate ones of many coloures, red, blewe, blacke, and greene, whiche are faire to beholde. Their flesshe is good and sweete: and others that are as little as grey Sparrowes, which be greene and faire. In this countrey are greate fishings of good fish: and also there be Date trees that do carry frute as greate as a Doues egge, some yellow, and other of the Rose coloure, but they haue greate stones: their tast is somewhat sharp. In this Countrey are little beastes like to Pigges of a month olde, these haue their feete and heads lyke to a little Horse, with little eares, and they be all couered with a shell from the eares to the tayle, and be like to a Horse couered. They are faire to behold. They feede like to Horse. In this countrey are Conies and Partriches, and many goodly birds.

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And the bread and Wine of this Countrey is made of *Maiz*, (as it is saide:) The people are tall of growth, and Idolaters. There are some of them that beleeue, that there is no other thing, but to be borne, and to die. There be amōg them Lords, whome they honoure much. And he that is a great Lord, they call *Tiba*, and others that be not so great, *Quinua*. Before thys Riuer of *Darien*, entreth in another Riuer very greate in thys gulfe of *Vraba*, and he entreth in by fiue or seauen mouthes, although they be but sholde, and no shippe can enter in at thē, if they be greater than small boates: but within the mouth he is greate, and fifteene and twenty fadome deepe, and a myle broade, & hath abundance of water, by reason that xl. leagues within the land there ioyneth with him greate riuers, whiche commeth from the East parte of the Mountaynes, where the Riuer of *Cenu* springeth: and the first riuer that ioyneth wyth him, is that of *Dabayne*. In the springs of this Riuer, and of another whiche is before this, they saye that there are greate mines, but the truth is not knowen, but the *Indians* doe say it. And there hathe bin takē in the power of *Indiās*, peeces of fine golde, that wayed seauen and eyght hundred waight. In the little riuers of this great riuer, are many places drowned vp, and in them are many *Indians*, and haue their houses and habitations vpon trees, for that vnder them is al water, and they liue by fishing. This gulfe of *Vraba* hath on the other parte of the Mountaine of *Darien* towards the South, another gulfe, called the gulfe of *Saint Michaell*, and there is frō the one to ỹ other xxv. leagues & more. There is this differēce betwene thē: in the gulfe of *Darien* and *Vraba*, the Sea dothe not flowe one palme, and in that of *Saint Michaell*, it floweth as much as in *Britaine*. And of this coast of the gulfe of *Saint Michaell* I wil speake hereafter. And now I do returne to the gulfe *Vraba*, and do saye, that from the entrye in of the gulfe of *Vraba*, vnto the port *De Careta*, are fifteene leagues. *Careta* lieth Northweast, in nine decrees and halfe. From the Port *Perdido*, to *Nombre de Dios*, the coast lyeth West North West. *Nombre de Dios*

A greate Riuer.

The Gulfe of S. Michaell.

Careta. Nombre de Dios.

standeth in tenne degrees and halfe, and there are in the middest *Conegie*, *Pocurosa*, and the baye of *Saint Blase*. There are from the port *Perdido* to *Conegie* seauen leagues. From *Conegie* to *Pocurosa* tenne. From *Pocurosa* to the baye of *Saint Blase*, fyue. From the baye to *Nombre de Dios* sixe. In all this countrey they call men *Omes*, and the women *Iras*. The men goe naked, and they vse to bring tyed at their middle with a small cord certayne Snayles shelles of the Sea, and into these shels they put their members, and some doe carrie a thing like to a fonnell of golde, wherein they put their members. The Women goe all couered from the waste downewarde with waste coates of cotten woll, and weare rings put through their eares, and many other things, and cheynes of gold. There hathe bin found amongst the *Indians* much golde, although that muche of it is course, and in valewe of tenne and twelue kuyllats and lesse, and they call this *Giamin*. In ỳ South part of this countrey is found golde in the Riuers, and as it hath not bin much sought till now, it hath not bin knowen. I haue seene a graine gathered in a Riuer, whiche wayed seauen Ducates. From *Nombre de Dios* to *Veragua*, are fiue and thirtie leagues. *Veragua* is towardes the Weast in tenne degrees. And neere to *Nombre de Dios* is Port *Bello*, which is a good Port. It hathe at the entrie of it a little Ilande, and in the middest another. The Countrey of this coast is full of sharpe Mountaynes, and barren. From *Veragua* the coast turneth North to the cape of *Gracias Adios*, threescore leagues. The cape of *Gracias Adios* standeth in foureteene degrees. And neere to *Veragua* is the *Furmia*, and after *Corobora*, and after that certayne Ilandes, compassed aboute with sholdes: and from the cape of *Gracias Adios* the coast turneth Weast, to the cape of *Caxines*, where is an Ilande, and is thirtie leagues distante. And from the cape of *Caxines* the coast turneth towards the North threescore and fifteene leagues, vnto the cape *de Lagar*, and all these threescore and fiftene leagues be sholdes, and entreth into the Sea towardes the East threescore leagues: and from

Pocorosa.

Veragua.

The cape of Gracias Adios.

Sholdes.

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this cape to the cape of the Iland of *Cuba*, are one hundred and twenty leagues. The cape of *Cuba* lieth North. From the cape of *Lagar*, vnto the cape of *Fondura*, are fiue and thirtie leagues. The coast lieth West. The cape of *Lagar*, and that of *Fondura*, standeth in. xvj. degrees, and being past the cape of *Fondura*, is a Gulfe that entreth. xv. leagues within the lande, and in the entrie it hath. xviij. leagues of length, and farther in xxv. From this cape, to the bay of *S. Thome*, are. lx. leagues, and the coast lieth Weast. And neere to the bay entreth one end of the lād into the sea. xx. leagues towards the Northweast, and at the end of the land is the entrie of the baye of *S. Thome*, and ẏ bay doth returne vpon the cape Southeast. xlv. leagues, and carieth in length and breadth. xv. leagues. And at the entrie in of this gulfe towards the Weast, appeareth another little roūd gulfe full of small Ilands. From the mouth of this gulfe, to the Port of the *Figueras*, are. xxx. leagues. The coast lieth Northweast, and it is all sholdes. The entrie of the Gulfe of *S. Thome* standeth in. xix. degrees and halfe. It entreth in at the East part, for by the Weast part it is all sholdes. The cape of the *Figueras* standeth in. xxj. degrees, and from this place the discouerers returned, and past no farther: & they found in this Coūtrey trees of oke, with acorns like to ours, and many birdes different from those of this Countrey: and hennes as greate as Geese: and they found tokens & shewes of much golde, for they found great peeces of golde in the power of *Indians*. And now I do returne to the Gulfe of *S Michael*, & to the coast of ẏ other side towards the South. The Gulfe of *S. Michael* lieth Northeast & Southweast, with ẏ of *Vraba*, there are. xxv. leagues of land betweene the one and the other. That of *S. Michael* is towards ẏ Southweast, & it hath at the entrie in. x. leagues, & of length. xxv. And towards the Southweast lieth the Ilande of *Perles*. There is from the Gulfe to the Ilande tenne leagues. This Iād is plentiful of vittaile. There is in it many birds, & so many conyes, that they enter into the houses to breede. And round about it on euery side, is much fishing of great Pearles, and

The cape Lagar.

The bay of S. Thome.

The cape of the Figueras.

The Gulfe of Saint Michaell.

An Ilande of Pearles.

and very fyne. I sawe one of the fashion of a little peare, the best and greatest that I haue seene. The entrie of the Gulfe of *Saint Michaell*, standeth in sixe degrees. From the entrie of the Gulfe of *Saint Michaell*, the coast lieth West, seauen leagues vnto the Cacike *Tamao*. The coast lyeth. xxviij. leagues toward the Northweast, and by Weast, to the Riuer of *Tubanama*. This Riuer of *Tubanama* hath at the entrie an Iland in triangle, whiche causeth him to haue two mouthes: it is a good Riuer, and a good Countrey, well inhabited, and of much vittayle, and great fishing: there is in it much golde. In this coast the Sea doth ebbe and flowe much. From this Riuer to *Panama* are twenty leagues, and the coast lieth Weast, and there is in the middest the Riuer called *Chapanere*, and the Riuer *Pacora*, whiche are in a good countrey, and where as is gold, and the people are good. *Panama* hath an Iland towards the Sea neere ẏ land. Frō *Panama* to the cape of *Chiru* are .xx. leagues, and the coast lyeth Weast and by South, & there is in ẏ middest *Perequete* and *Tabora*. From *Chiru* towards the West appeareth a gulfe oblique, in the middest whereof dwelleth the Cacike *Paru*, an *Indian* Gentleman of greate power, and the richest in that coast: and there remayneth in the myddest *Nathan* and *Estora*, which are good townes. All this coast frō the Gulfe of *Saint Michaell* to *Chiru* and *Paru*, be from sixe to seauen degrees. The countrey is playne and good, and of much vittayle of all sortes, and in all that countrey is muche golde. From *Paris* lyeth a poynt of the land into the Sea twētie leagues, and being past the poynt, the coast turneth to the Northeast, vntill it come hard to the cape of *Gracias a Dios*, and all the Countrey is frutefull, and a rich Countrey of gold, whereas are many good townes. In this Countrey they doe compasse about the townes with timber, for feare of Tygres, and Lions, that they come not by night into the houses. From the Gulfe of *Vraba* & *Saint Michaell*, to the end of the cape of *Gracias Adios*, are two hundred leagues: and all this Countrey hathe not in breadth more than thirtie, and where it is most,

Tamao.

Tubunama

Panama.

Pacora.

Chiru.

Paris.

most fourtie leagues, and all are good people and riche, and a fruyteful coũtrey. There they vse no bowes, nor hearbe of poyson, but Launces and Dartes. And there are in this Sea towardes the Southe many Ilandes, where is as muche golde and Pearles, as the *Indians* doe say. And they say that there is a countrey where the people that doe inhabite it, haue bookes, and do wryte and reade as we doe.

Now seyng that we haue spoken of that part that is from the Ilande of *Fierro*, towardes the Weast, and Northweast, lette vs speake of one peece of lande whiche is in this seconde parte towardes the North, whiche lande is called the lande of *Labrador*. This lande of *Labrador* standeth in. lvij. degrees: it standeth Northweast from *Galizia*, and East and Weast with Scotlande. This lande of *Labrador* hath towardes the Weast parte of it the countrey of *Bacallaos*, whiche is a countrie of muche fishyng, and a great countrey: and the *Bacallaos* standeth Weast from *Galizia*, and parte of them Weast and by North, and this countrey hath many portes, and good: Muche of the countrey is inhabited, and there are many Ilandes before it, all inhabited. They say there is in it greate quantitie of Furres, and very fine. The lande of *Labrador* is towards the North from the *Acores*. There is from the *Acores* to the lande of *Labrador* three hundreth leagues, and from *Galizia* to the lande *Labrador* three hundreth and fiftie. And there is from *Galizia* to the lande of *Canallaos* fiue hundreth and thirtie leagues.

The lande of *Canallaos* standeth in fourtie nine, and in fiftie degrees.

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